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The Chairman and Members of the Penistone Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Report for 1896, I am glad to be able to note a diminution in the death rate for the year. The total number of deaths at all ages in the district was 45; to this however must be added 4 deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto, giving a total of 49. This, taking the estimated population at the middle of 1896 as 2720, gives a death rate of 18 per 1000. Last year the death rate was 20·7. Sixteen deaths occurred in children under 5 years of age, 11 being in infants under 1 year.

The number of registered births for the year was 73, which gives an infant mortality rate of 150·6 per 1000 births. This also is lower than that of last year, which was 154.

Of the 11 deaths under 1 year no fewer than 6 were due to premature birth, 1 each to whooping cough, diarrhœa, and pneumonia. In the remaining two cases inquests were held.

Twelve deaths were due to diseases of the respiratory organs, 2 being cases of phthisis. There were two cases of fatal railway accident, 1 case of accidental drowning, and 1 case of suicide by drowning.

During the year 41 cases of Zymotic disease were notified, comprising 13 cases of diphtheria, with 5 deaths, 26 cases of scarlet fever, with 2 deaths, and 2 cases of enteric fever. Diphtheria was most prevalent in January, 7 of the cases occurring in that month. The other cases were notified during September, October and November.

Scarlet fever broke out in the middle of July. In September, as it threatened to become widespread, it was thought advisable to close the schools for a time. They remained closed from September 15th till November 16th. A few cases occurred after the schools were re-opened, but at the time of writing the district is free.

The general sanitary condition of the town I consider to be as good as can be expected in the absence of an urgently needed sewerage system. The want of this is especially felt in the district of the Green ; in dry weather the condition of the Green Dyke, receiving as it does the sewage of a large proportion of the houses on the Green is very offensive.

In my Report for last year attention was called to two nuisances which still continue to exist. One is a cesspool behind Wentworth Road, which is soon filled, especially in rainy weather, and overflows. The other is a cowshed with manure heap in Shrewsbury Road. Both of these nuisances should be abolished as soon as practicable.

With reference to the accommodation for cases of infectious disease I am glad to be able to report that steps are being taken in the matter, and that there is a prospect of the erection of an Isolation Hospital for the Union at an early date.

During the year 27 nuisances have been reported, of which 19 have been abated, leaving at the close of 1896 8 in hand, of which several are in process of being remedied.



19 new houses have been built during the year, as have also 19 new closets, while 14 old ones have been pulled down and replaced by new ones.

The work done by the sanitary staff has been efficient, the roadways and domestic premises generally being kept in a very fair state of cleanliness. The work of the staff would, however, be materially simplified if more timely notice were given when ash pits, &c., require attention instead of waiting until the last moment as is usually the case.

The way in which the slaughter houses have been kept during the year is very satisfactory.

As to river pollution, the conditions remain the same as heretofore, the bulk of the sewage continuing to find its way eventually into the River Don.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

JAMES A. ROSS, M.B.C.M.

Birth Rate 26·8 per 1000.

Death Rate—General 18 per 1000. ; Under 1 year 150·6 per 1000.

Deaths from Zymotics, 7.

*Penistone,*

*February 28th, 1897.*

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## PENISTONE URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

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**Medical Officer of Health**—JAMES A. ROSS, M.B.C.M.

**Sanitary Inspector**—H. Hanwell.

**Water Supply—**

Quantity—Adequate.

Quality—Good. Action on Lead—None.

Any extensions or change during 1896 ?—Additional bore hole sunk at Thurlstone.

• **Sewerage--**

System—Single. Ventilation by Special Shafts.

Special flushing arrangements from the water mains.

Extensions or improvements during 1896—None.

**Sewage Disposal—**

Treatment adopted—No treatment.

**Scavenging—**

Are the Privy Middens, etc., cleansed by Sanitary Staff, by

Contractors or by Tenants ?—Sanitary staff.

Is the present system satisfactory ?—Yes.

**Adoptive Acts, Bye-Laws, and Regulations—**

Infectious Disease Notification Act, 1889—Date of adoption, 1891.

Regulations under the Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops Orders—1891

**Regulated Buildings, Trades, etc.—**

Common Lodging Houses—None.

Slaughter Houses—Number Registered, 2. Number Inspected, 2.



Dairies—General condition, good. Legal proceedings—None.

Cowsheds—Number Registered, 3. Number Inspected, 3. General Condition, good.

Offensive Trades—Number Registered, 1, Tallow Chandler.

**Schemes before L.G.B.**—Drainage and Sewerage ; Isolation Hospital.

**L. G. B. Inquiries**—Isolation Hospital for Penistone Union.

Date—July 20th, 1896.

**Special Reports**—Number made by M. O. H. during 1896, 3.

Have copies been forwarded to the County Council?—Yes.

### **Births—**

(a) Number of each sex—Males 36, Females 37.

(b) Number Illegitimate included in the above—No information.

(c) Any information as to Still-Births—No.

### **Deaths—**

(a) Number of each sex—Males 25, Females 24.

(b) Number Uncertified included in the above—4

**Death Returns**—What correction (if any) is made for non-residents dying within the District?—None.

Are any returns obtained of deaths of residents occurring in public institutions (Workhouses, Hospitals, &c.,) outside the District?—  
3 deaths in Workhouse.

**Isolation Hospital**—Any action during 1896?—Inquiry by County Council.

### **Sanitary Work—**

Number of Houses built during 1896—19.

House to House Inspection during 1896.—

☐ Total Number of Nuisances in hand at close of 1895, 7 ; at close of 1896, 8 ; Reported during 1896, 27 ; Abated during 1896, 19.

Total Number of Summonses, or other Legal Proceedings—None.

House Drainage—Number of Sinks trapped during 1896, 2

### **Closets—**

Number constructed during 1896—19 new ones, 14 old ones pulled down and replaced; Total 33. Kinds—Covered privy middens.

What action has been taken in regard to the following matters—

Houses unfit for habitation—

Overcrowding—

Seizure of Unsound Food—

Prosecutions—

Samples under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts—  
tions,

Prosecu-

Smoke Abatement—

Workshops—

Schools—

Burial Grounds—

### **Sanitary Requirements of District and Suggestions of M.O.H.**

Isolation Hospital.

Sewerage and Drainage System.

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Table of DEATHS during the Year 1896, in the PENISTONE URBAN DISTRICT,  
classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics ; public institutions being shown as separate localities.	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUBJOINED AGES.								MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																						
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and up-wards		1	2	3	4	FEVERS.					10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
									Small Pox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued	Relapsing.	Puerperal	Cholera	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentry	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.		Injuries	All other Diseases.	TOTAL	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)																							
PENISTONE ...	49	11	5	6	2	13	12	Under 5		1	1										1	2	1			2			8	16	
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TOTALS...	49	11	5	6	2	13	12	Under 5													1	2	1			2			8	16	
								5 upwds.																	2	6	4		4	12	33

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality.

Deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto.					2	2	Under 5 5 Upwds.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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**K2 11**      **Table of Population, Births, and of New Cases of Infectious Sickness, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year 1896, in the PENISTONE URBAN DISTRICT, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities**

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statis- tics ; Public Institutions being shown as separate localities.  (a)	Population at all Ages.		Registered Births.  (d)	Aged  under 5  or  over 5.  (e)	New Cases of Sickness in each Locality, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health.													Number of such Cases removed from their Homes in the several Localities for Treatment in Isolation Hospital.												
	Census 1891  (b)	Estimated to middle of 1896.  (c)			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	FEVERS.					Typhus.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.														
									Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.																		
PENISTONE	2550	2720	73	Under 5		5	1																							
				5 upwds.		21	12			2																				
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TOTALS	2550	2720	73	Under 5		5	1																							
				5 upwds.		21	12			2																				

" Notification of Infectious Disease " is compulsory in the District, since 1891.      There is no Isolation Hospital in the District.